

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3516

ANSWERED ON:18.04.2005

CONVERSION OF FOREST VILLAGES INTO REVENUE VILLAGES

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of States have sent proposals to the Union Government for converting forest villages into revenue villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government on each of the said proposals so far;
- (d) whether some other proposals relating to different sectors of environment and forests are also lying pending with the Union Government;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith estimated cost involved therein State-wise; and
- (f) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared and implemented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. The details of State-wise proposals for conversion of forest villages into revenue villages is given in the Annexure. So far 73 forest villages in Maharashtra and 311 forest villages in Madhya Pradesh have been converted into revenue villages.

(d) to (f) The grant of forestry clearance is a continuous process. The proposals for diversion of forest land for various developmental works are continuously received from the State/Union Territory (UT) Governments and each case is examined, on its merit, as per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and rules and guidelines thereof. Area of the forest land involved and not the cost of the project is taken into consideration at the time of examination of the proposal for forestry clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. As per the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003, a time limit of 60 days has been prescribed for the Central Government to take a decision on the complete proposals received from the State/UT Governments for diversion of forest land and all such proposals are considered within this time limit.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) to (c) OF THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3516 BY SHRI BHUPENDRASINH SOLANKI, SHRI MAHESH KANODIA AND SHRI CHANDRABHAN SINGH REGARDING "CONVERSION OF FOREST VILLAGES INTO REVENUE VILLAGES" DUE FOR REPLY ON 18.04.2005.

Name of the State	Number of forest villages	Remarks
Maharashtra	73	Converted into revenue villages
Madhya Pradesh	311	Converted into revenue villages
Madhya Pradesh	517	Pending with State Government
Chhattisgarh	421	Pending with State Government
Uttaranchal	76	Pending with State Government
Gujarat	112	Pending with State Government